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DATA CONTROL METHOD THEREOF  
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SIR:

Before issuance as a patent, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.